

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A composite fabric article comprising multi-filament, interlaced yarns forming a fabric body of knit construction, the fabric body having an inner surface and an outer surface, the inner surface having at least one region of raised fibers or fleece formed thereupon, and the outer surface having an area ~~upon which~~ bearing a non-continuous coating comprising discrete coating segments of coating material ~~is applied to bind~~ that binds individual yarn fibers together in bound groupings and to enhance abrasion resistance of the outer surface.

2. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the non-continuous coating is without substantial effect on insulation performance provided by the knit construction of the fabric body.

3. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the non-continuous coating is without substantial effect on moisture transmission rate provided by the knit construction of the fabric body.

4. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein portions of the outer surface adjacent coating segments within said area of the outer surface are substantially free of coating material.

5. (Currently Amended) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the non-continuous coating is disposed in a one or more discrete ~~area~~ areas of the outer surface and ~~an~~

one or more other ~~area~~ areas of the outer surface adjacent said discrete ~~area~~ is areas are substantially free of coating material.

6. (Currently Amended) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the non-continuous coating is disposed in a one or more discrete ~~area~~ areas of the outer surface and a continuous coating is applied in ~~an~~ one or more other ~~area~~ areas of the outer surface.

7. (Currently Amended) The composite fabric article of claim 5 or claim 6, wherein said discrete and other areas have ~~differing resistances~~ contrasting performance characteristics of resistance to abrasion.

8. (Currently Amended) The composite fabric article of claim 5 or claim 6, wherein said discrete and other areas have ~~differing resistances~~ contrasting performance characteristics of resistance to pilling.

9. (Currently Amended) The composite fabric article of claim 5 or claim 6, wherein said discrete and other areas have ~~differing~~ contrasting performance characteristics of air permeabilities permeability.

10. (Currently Amended) The composite fabric article of claim 6, wherein ~~the~~ said one or more other ~~area~~ areas of continuous coating ~~is~~ are adjacent said discrete area of non-continuous coating.

11. (Currently Amended) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the coating material binds yarn ~~fiber~~ fibers to protect the yarn from fraying to enhance the pilling resistance within said portion of the fabric body.

12. (Currently Amended) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the bound groupings of yarn fibers have a relatively higher tenacity than individual yarn fibers.

13. (Currently Amended) The composite fabric article of claim 12, wherein the bound groupings of yarn fibers have a tenacity ~~of~~ greater than about 5 grams per denier.

14. (Currently Amended) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein said yarn ~~fiber~~ ~~comprises~~ fibers comprise polyester.

15. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the coating segments are in the form of discrete dots.

16. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the coating material is selected from a group consisting of acrylic latex, polyurethane and silicone.

17. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the knit construction is reverse plaited circular knit.

18. (Currently Amended) The composite fabric article of claim 17, wherein stitch yarn is ~~coarser~~ finer than loop yarn.

19. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 17, wherein loop yarn is at most about 1.5 dpf.

20. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 17, wherein stitch yarn is at least about 1.5 dpf.

21. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the knit construction is double needle bar warp knit.

22. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 21, wherein pile yarn is at most about 5 dpf.

23. (Original) The double face fabric article of claim 1, wherein the knit construction is non-reverse plaiting circular knit.

24. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 23, wherein stitch yarn is coarser than loop yarn.

25. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the knit construction is Raschel warp knit.

26. (Currently Amended) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein yarn at the outer surface further includes an ~~extensible~~ elastomeric material.

27. (Currently Amended) The composite fabric article of claim 26, wherein the ~~extensible~~ elastomeric material is in the form of an ~~extensible yarn that is~~ spandex added to the yarn at the outer surface in plaited form.

28. (Currently Amended) The composite fabric article of claim 26, wherein the ~~extensible~~ elastomeric material is in the form of an ~~extensible yarn that is~~ spandex wound about the yarn at the outer surface.

29. (Currently Amended) The composite fabric article of claim 27, wherein the ~~extensible yarn~~ spandex is added to the yarn at the outer surface in air cover.

30. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein yarns at the outer surface include cored yarns comprising a core and a sheath.

31. (Currently Amended) The composite fabric article of claim 30, wherein the core comprises an ~~extensible~~ elastomeric material.

32. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the non-continuous coating is disposed on substantially all of the outer surface such that, as applied, areas of the fabric body at the outer surface adjacent coating segments are substantially free of coating material to allow air passage through said areas.

33. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 1 in the form of an article of wearing apparel.

34. (Currently Amended) The composite fabric article of claim 33, wherein said area corresponds to an area of wearing apparel typically subjected to relatively ~~high~~ higher levels of abrasion or pilling during use.

35. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 33, wherein the article of wearing apparel is a jacket or shirt and said area corresponds to an elbow region.

36. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 33, wherein the article of wearing apparel is a jacket or shirt and said area corresponds to a shoulder region.

37. (Currently Amended) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein between about 0.5 ounces per square yard to about 6.0 ounces per square yard of coating material is applied to form the non-continuous coating.

38. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 37, wherein about 1.7 ounces per square yard of coating material is applied to form the non-continuous coating.

39. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 1, wherein the non-continuous coating is applied by a single head rotary screen.

40. (Original) The composite fabric article of claim 39, wherein the single head rotary screen has from about 30 to about 195 holes per lineal inch.

41. (Original) A method of forming a fabric article, said method comprising the steps of:
interlacing yarns comprising multi-filament fibers to form a fabric body of knit construction;

forming a raised or fleece region upon an inner surface of the fabric body; and
applying a non-continuous coating comprising discrete coating segments of coating material upon yarn fibers at an outer surface of the fabric body to bind individual yarn fibers together in bound groupings and to enhance abrasion resistance of the outer surface.

42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, wherein the step of forming a fleece or raised region includes at least one process selected from a group consisting of napping, sanding and brushing.

43. (Original) The method of claim 42, wherein the step of forming a fleece or raised region occurs prior to applying the non-continuous coating.

44. (Original) The method of claim 42, wherein the step of forming a fleece or raised region occurs subsequent to applying the non-continuous coating.

45. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, wherein the step of applying a non-continuous coating comprises applying the non-continuous coating in a one or more discrete ~~area~~ areas of the outer surface.

46. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 45, wherein said discrete area corresponds to ~~an area~~ one or more areas of the outer surface typically subjected to relatively ~~high~~ higher levels of pilling or abrasion during use.

47. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 45 further comprising applying a continuous coating in ~~an area~~ one or more areas of the outer surface other than said discrete ~~area~~ areas.

48. (Original) The method of claim 45, wherein an area other than said discrete area is substantially free of coating material.

49. (Original) The method of claim 41, wherein the step of applying a non-continuous coating comprising discrete coating segments of coating material upon yarn fibers at an outer surface of the fabric body to bind individual yarn fibers together in bound groupings protects the fibers from fraying corresponding to an increase in pilling resistance.

50. (Original) The method of claim 41, wherein the discrete segments of coating material are in the form of dots.

51. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, wherein the step of applying a non-continuous coating includes one of rotary printing, kiss rolling and ~~gravour~~ gravure rolling.

52. (Original) The method of claim 41, wherein the step of interlacing yarns comprises double needle bar warp knitting.

53. (Original) The method of claim 41, wherein the step of interlacing yarns comprises Raschel warp knitting.

54. (Original) The method of claim 41, wherein the step of interlacing yarns comprises reverse plaited circular knitting.

55. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, wherein the step of interlacing yarns comprises ~~non-reverse~~ non-reverse plaited knitting.

56. (Original) The method of claim 41, wherein the non-continuous coating is applied such that the non-continuous coating is without substantial effect on insulation performance provided by the knit construction of the fabric body.

57. (Original) The method of claim 41, wherein the non-continuous coating is applied such that the non-continuous coating is without substantial adverse effect on moisture vapor transmission rate provided by the knit construction of the fabric body.

58. (Original) The method of claim 41, wherein the non-continuous coating material is applied with a single head rotary screen.

59. (Original) The method of claim 58, wherein the rotary screen has between about 30 to about 195 holes per lineal inch.

60. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, wherein between about 0.5 ounces per square yard to about 6.0 ounces per square yard of coating material is applied to form the non-continuous coating.

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61. (Original) The method of claim 60, wherein about 1.7 ounces per square yard of coating material is applied to form the non-continuous coating.